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Mr. Guy Hicks, Esq.
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Hicks:

In a recent filing made on behalf of the Coalition of Small LECs and Cooperatives, a claim was made with regard to BellSouth's ability to provide certain information pertaining to traffic that transverses the commingled trunk group. To assist the Authority in its evaluation of Docket No. 03-00585, *Petition for Arbitration of CELLCO Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless*, the following information is requested:

1. Do BellSouth Tennessee tandems currently send the necessary information either in the SS7 data stream or in the call record, to small rural independents subtending those tandems, which can be used to facilitate the independent's ability to identify and bill back the company originating the traffic? If so, please describe in detail what specific data is contained in this information.
2. How is this information sent: a.) in the call detail over the feature group C trunks; or b.) through the SS7 signaling?
3. Is it necessary for BellSouth to upgrade its tandem trunking, used to pass traffic to Tennessee small rural independents subtending those tandems, to feature group D or to upgrade its switch software in order to send a record type to the independent that contains the originating carrier ID in the terminating record?

We request that you submit this response to the Authority by Friday September 17, 2004. If you have any questions concerning this matter, contact Colleen Edwards at 741-2904 ext.176.

Sincerely,

Aster Adams, Chief
Competitive Markets and Policy Division

CC. Chairman Pat Miller
Sharla Dillon
Parties of Record Docket No. 03-00585